

**WASHINGTON STATE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BOARD OF MASSAGE  
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES**

Sunday, February 12, 2006  
10:00 a.m.

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On February 12, 2006, the Board of Massage met by telephone. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, notices were sent to individuals requesting notification of meetings.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

ROSEMARY FOSTER, CHAIR  
KARIN OLSEN, VICE-CHAIR  
JOHN PIETY, PUBLIC MEMBER  
SCOTT MILLER

**STAFF PRESENT**

KRIS WAIDELY, HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTANT 3  
JENNIFER BRESSI, HEALTH SERVICES CONSULTANT 1  
GEOFF HYMAN, ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Dawn M. Schmidt, Brenneke School of Massage

**Sunday, February 12, 2006    OPEN SESSION**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Ms. Foster, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Introductions of the guests were done.
  - 1.1 Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved with changes. Item #3 and #4 were tabled and asked to be put on the April 2006 meeting agenda.
  - 1.2 Approval of meeting minutes from January 17, 2006 – The minutes were approved as presented.
2. **PROGRAM REPORT** – Information provided to the Board by the Program Manager.
  - Legislative Update – The department has reviewed legislation for Certification of Animal Massage Practitioners, Senate House Bill 6056. The language proposes creation of a separate RCW from RCW 18.108 Massage Practitioner. The new RCW would create a certification under the authority of the Secretary of Department of Health.
  - Budget Update – Staff provided the Board with an updated estimate of travel expenses with changes to Board meetings. The December 2005 interim operating was provided to the Board.

- Other – The Governor has not yet appointed a fifth member to the Board. Ms. Olsen asked if staff could coordinate another announcement regarding the vacant position. The Washington State American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) has offered the Board a table to provide materials at the April 2006 AMTA-WA Conference. There are three days with specific times available to have the table with materials, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The Board agreed to have at least two members stand at the table on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to answer questions and promote the Board meeting. The Board business meeting will then be held from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ms. Waidely will contact AMTA to see if a meeting room is available for the Board to use.
3. **SCHOOL/PROGRAM APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS AND REVIEW SHEET** – The Board asked to address this item at the April 2006 meeting.
  4. **BOARD OF MASSAGE BUSINESS PLAN 2005-2007** – The Board asked to address this item at the April 2006 meeting. Mr. Piety wanted to be sure that school site reviews are addressed at the April 2006 meeting.
  5. **JURISDICTION AND SCHOOL PROGRAM REVIEWS** – Reviewing board members presented jurisdiction and program approval requests for the full board's consideration and action.  
**APPLICATION REVIEWS:**
    - Arizona – Jurisdiction denied
    - Apollo College – program approved
    - Bryman College (Port Orchard), deficiency letter
    - Cascade Summit School of Massage, deficiency letter
    - Central Oregon Community College, program approved
    - The Institute of Structural Medicine, deficiency letter
    - Lower Valley School of Massage, deficiency letter
    - Sakie International Massage Therapy Institute, program approved
  6. **OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC INPUT** - Any member of the public may address the Board with questions or concerns regarding any of the agenda items.
    - Dawn Schmidt explained that the Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation (COMTA) has similar issues of schools unable to complete applications appropriately. COMTA requires schools to complete a course that instructs them on how to complete their application. She also mentioned that she is aware of a Workforce rule that requires instructors to have 2 years of experience in their field of expertise. The 2 years could be made up of 1 year of education and 1 year of experience. Ms. Schmidt asked if the Board would consider an "Annual Report" process for approved schools.
    - The Board would like to review WAC 246-830-440 Curriculum- Academic standards- Faculty-Student clinic for possible rule revisions.

7. **ADJOURNMENT** - The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m. with the next meeting scheduled for Saturday April 29, 2006.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

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Jennifer Bressi  
Health Services Consultant 1

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Rosemary Foster, Chair  
Board of Massage